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Construction of a road from Wandiwash to Tirukkoilur.

* 1048 Q.—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to construct a road from Wandiwash in North Arcot district to Tirukkoilur in South Arcot district (via) Tellar, Gingee, Ananthapuram and Kandachipuram?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The answer is not readily available, Sir."

Retrenchment of teachers.

* 1049 Q.—Sri M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether any order was issued to the educational authorities to retrench even the permanent teachers if there is no sufficient strength of 30 boys per teacher as per the recommendation of the Parulekar Committee?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir."

Gandhi Memorial Hospital, Tiruchirappalli.

* 1050 Q.—Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the bed-strength in the Gandhi Memorial Hospital at Tiruchirappalli; and

(b) the average number of in-patients per day?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Two hundred and seventy-five, Sir.

" (b) Four hundred and ninety-six in 1953, Sir."

Sri M. DHARMALINGAM :—" On a point of order, Sir. The main purpose in putting the questions is not to waste the time of the Government or the House. Questions are put to elicit useful information from the Government and also to bring to the notice of the Government malpractices and injustice done to the people of which the Government may not be aware so that they can do justice to the people. If we are not given an opportunity to put supplementary questions to elicit further information, I think it may not serve the purpose at all."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" It does not prevent the hon. Member from giving fresh notice of questions."

Supply of water from the river Tambaraparani to certain tanks.

* 1051 Q.—Sri R. S. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether any representation was made on 8th January 1954 to the Hon. Minister in respect of taking water (i) to Manoor tank (Tirunelveli taluk) from the river Tambaraparni at Tirupudaimarudur and (ii) to Gangaikondan Tank by a channel from Palayapattai and what action has been taken on such representation?

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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Yes Sir. The first proposal is not feasible as the level of the tank is 165 feet higher than that of the river at Tirupudaimarudur. The second had already been examined before and found not feasible since the scheme would be prohibitively costly and the diversion of supplies would adversely affect the tail end area of the Tirunelveli channel system. This position has already been explained to the hon. Member in a letter in January 1954."

Construction of a bridge across Vallam drainage vaikkal.

* 1052 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any estimate has been prepared to construct a bridge over Vallam drainage vaikkal in the mud road to Orathanad which takes off at or about the 12th mile in Tanjore-Vaduvoor-Mannargudi road; and

(*b*) if so, when the construction of the bridge will be taken up?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Development of Beypore Port in South Malabar.

* 1053 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the steps taken so far by the Government in the matter of the development of Beypore Port in South Malabar?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The question of the Hydrographic survey of the minor ports in the State, including Kozhikode-Beypore, has been taken up with the Government of India. The report of the Dredger Experts of the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration, who recently visited the minor ports in the State, including Beypore is also under examination. The question of developing Beypore as a port will have to await the conclusions which will be reached on the matters mentioned. Every effort is being made to expedite those conclusions."

Opening of training schools in North Arcot.

* 1054 *Q.*—SRI V. K. KANNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many of the teachers working in the schools in North Arcot district are trained and how many untrained; and

(*b*) if any untrained teachers are working, whether the Government have any proposal to open more training schools in North Arcot district to get these untrained teachers trained?